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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. GUTKNECHT).

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
December 13, 2001.

I hereby appoint the Honorable GIL GUTKNECHT to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

J. DENNIS HASTERT,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Daniel P. Coughlin, offered the following prayer: Lord God of the ancient covenant with Abraham, be with us now.

You spoke to the man of faith and broke the silence of human history. You said to Abraham:

"I am God Almighty. Live always in my presence and be perfect, so that I may set my covenant between myself and you and multiply your descendants."

As God Almighty, in personal relationship with the human family, You become the God of the living, the God of our father Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and their descendants in faith.

Because of this relationship with You, people even to this day stay in dialogue with You. By prayer, living in

Your presence, and daily efforts to being faithful to Your covenant, Your people themselves change. Although You the Almighty do not change, You perfect Your people of faith according to Your design, Your call, and Your purpose.

Renew today Your covenant with Your people. Make of us a people of promise and hope, a people bound to be faithful to their commitments, a people who respect all the living. As descendants of Abrahamic faith, believing in a living God, may all Your people come together in peace through justice and compassion, both now and forever.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Pennsylvania (Mr. GEKAS) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. GEKAS led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain ten 1-minute speeches on each side.

LACK OF PERFORMANCE IS REFLECTED IN OUTCOME

(Mr. FOLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. FOLEY. Mr. Speaker, we are here on December 13 in our Nation's Capitol awaiting some progress from the other Chamber. The economy is in trouble. Joblessness is increasing. Unemployment and layoffs are occurring around our Nation. It seems like on the other end of this hallway they are tone deaf to the problems facing average Americans.

The House passed an economic stimulus bill, the President has a blueprint for an economic stimulus bill, and somewhere over on the other side of this wonderful, majestic building are people that do not get it. They do not understand the pain and anguish of Americans who are suffering. They do not recognize as we head into the holidays that people need some hope in the economy and the stock market needs a little boost.

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